Rec Jan 9
Ans Jan 14

HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

January 5 1879

My Dear Engelmann

I ought to have responded to your kind letter 27th before this. It shocked us greatly, to think of the imminent danger George was in. Please let us still know how he gets on. Your anxious you & Mrs. Engelmann must have been.

I hope all is right now.

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Yesterday came an order to send you two pots (all left here) of Curtiss's Fascicle. So I emptied out the pigeon-pole box, which had got filled with things for you. — and all are on the way, — to your cold climate — for other than here, where our lowest has been + 7°.

I shall not be able to add, more than I have already — to the Curious structure, unless I take it up with

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a study which I can=
not make now.

I have this week to
polish up a little
Memoir of Prof. Henry,
and go to Washing=
ton with it next
week. About a
week of interruption, I
suppose.

Hooker, I am glad to
say, is out of the
Presidential chair of
Royal Society, and
now may have a
little time for Botany

Everybody suffers, or
has suffered, with influ=
enza here. My own

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cold was light, and is
now over. My wife had
a very bad one — coming
night after Christmas,
She is only now getting re=
lief — nearly lost her
voice — is getting well
now — I hope will go
with me to Washington.

We are to stay with
Prof. Baird — may
stop to see the Cowley's

Mrs. Gray sends her
love, and much sym=
pathy for George —
who should be most
careful; and you also.

Ever Your Affy

Rec'd Jan 25

My Dear Engelmann

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

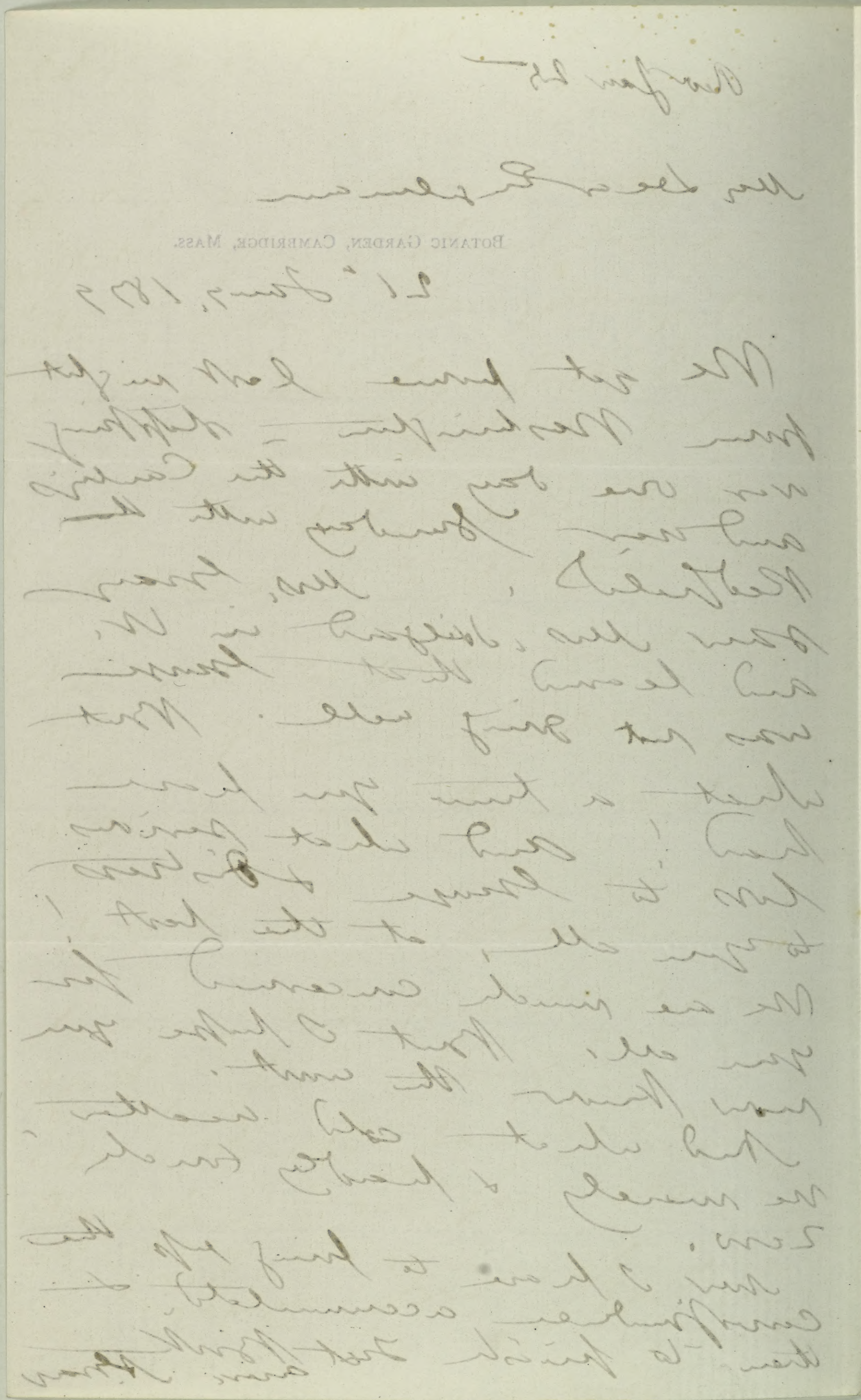
21st Jany, 1879

We got home last night from Washington — stopping over one day with the Cooleys and over Sunday with the Redfields. Mrs. Gray saw Mrs. Hilgard in W. and heard that Jesse was not doing well. But what a time you have had! and what serious loss to Jesse & distress to you all, at the last! We are much concerned for you all. But I hope you now know the worst.

And what cold weather! We merely & hardly touch zero.

Now I have to bring up the correspondence accumulated & then — to finish Text Book

Ever Asa Gray



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Whitney is up here —
something I dream of about
Bot. of California.

A. G.

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Rec Febr 17th
Ans same day

My Dear Dr Torrey

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Feb. 14, 1879.

Here is Sartwell's last.

I do wish these Fungi could be settled.

I hope by this time Gray is getting stronger.

And I hope you also are sustaining yourself. Nothing can be better for you than to get your mind absorbed in the botanical work before you.

Watson & Whitney are almost in despair over the California Botany which is stopping the way; & it delay is very prejudicial to our interests every way, and yours

Asa Gray

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Rec April 8th
Ans same day

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

April 5, 1879

My dear Mr Trimen

This letter from Bentham came this morning; and I will ~~part~~ not answer it till you return it.

What he thinks of B. is wrong about the Oldenlandia junio primum. But we have no made flowers, which would settle it, as Bentham seems to think. Can you spare any made flowers to send to Bentham.

It is 9 years your senior, & yet full of good work.

Hoping to hear good news of you & Benson,

I am always yours A. Gray

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Rec June 2

My Dear Dr Friend

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

May 29, 1879

I have neglected writing to you a good deal. But then I was very busy and I knew you knew. Then I had for weeks a head-ache. Mother & Mrs. Gray had an influenza with a regular fever — a quotidian. & was kept in bed — got about too soon, & got knocked up. & is still feeble, but really convalescent. Trying to get strong fast for as to go with me, on a trip South to Mts. Carol. with Cauby, Rothrock, & this time Sargent.

It was to have been June whenever Shutia blossomed. But that stole a march on us by flowering in April, so now

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we time it for the Rhododendrons, & will see Shortia a out of blossom — & we hope to find new stations. Then I want to look up Darlingtonia — which only the pre de is known. Curtis seems to have got it, without flowers, near Lincolnton. Then we are to explore the east side of Blue Ridge, from the pass of Black Mt. to Grandfather, and then cross to Roan — on which is more than "Cloudland Hotel"

Oh dear, now that the time does near, I wish I could stay at home, & finish Darnyt Palmer's Mexican Compositae, which abound with new or interesting species! That stuff of Clarke in Hooker's Naturalist was so

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Very gross that at the best way, I thought, was simply to call attention to it, & not count it worthy of being made fun of.

Thanks for the specimens, sent in your box.

Dr is gone! Getting strong again! It might be well for you the to cross the ocean again after you have done up the Calif. Oaks & Pines

Mother has been very patient, but she mourns the long delay.

I send you by mail a copy of my new Text Book. You see I relegate to other hands the anatomy, physiology, & organography — ~~good riddance~~

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I had to be rid of them; I send two one of the few copies of the Shortia paper. The ~~translation~~ translator into French in several places missed my meaning. And the explanation of the plate is a hitch — I numbered only the floral parts I now finished, — rejecting the material from Mt. Oxa. to make another plate. Decaisne corrected all on the plate, and numbered to suit himself, & then printed my expl. unaltered. The nos. do not match at all.

Mrs. Gray sends kindest regards to you & Jasper — And I am always Yours affectionately

A. Gray

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Rec June 21st
Ans — 27

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L. B. SEARLE, PROPRIETOR.

June 17 1879

Dear Dr. Engelmann.

I had been hoping you could come to Cambridge. And as it seems you can't go to any ordinary place of rest & coolness till you go to the Calif. Sierra & Pacific, why the case is clear. Come to us, where there is room & to spare. — a welcome you can never exhaust. — books, plants, & everything. — & you can read proofs &c. — & correct up to the last. Genie can be with you as much as he will, & go to Isle of Shoals — or elsewhere on the coast — for sea-bathing, & you go with him — off & on, as suits you. My wife urgently requests you to come to us. Your old & near friend

Asa Gray

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Rec July 5th
Ans same day

My Dear Mr Fernald

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 6, 1879

We are just home this morning. I find here your's of 27th June — Also this letter of Bentham's, which I forward. You can write to him. We are both well & hearty. I vastly better for the journey. & Mrs. Gray will be the same after a day or two if not. It is she had some hard travel.

Well, come to us as soon as you possibly can. Gray will not like to have you behind. Tell him to come to us at once — then pick the pea-shooter at his leisure. You should not

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be done upon Gerard for letting us know how you were — the simplest duty to us old friends, who could not but jump at the chance of having you here, and I wanted, too, to help along the Botany. Why could you not pack up a big box full of specimens & seeds, & use them here? But I know it is a great letter. And I like you, can work only with my surroundings.

Interesting & curious — about the Scrope-Diagnosis! Do you think the Catalpa a a end up! — I doubt?

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I don't remember having had any settled convictions about the Firs of California. I left them to you & to Hooker. And I used to scout his endeavors to call them by the work, I cannot have said that I could distinguish the conifers of Colorado from its ally, or brother, in the Sierras.*

In great haste

Ever Yours

A. Gray

*— Now was I clear?

The contrary.

over.

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Dear Dr. E. Gray send George at once, I am sure it will do him a world of good, & we are wanting Wade for us as soon as possible —

We are just home — Affly Yrs,

Jane D. Gray —

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Rec July 18th
Ans same day

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 16, 1879

My Dear Old Friend

As the weather grows hot, even here, I think of you at St. Louis, and am sure you ought to be out of it. I have we can make ourselves comfortable: so just do come directly. A box by Express will carry every thing you can need to finish those Sketches of Cal. And remember, this California trip is not the end-all.

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When we get you
rearranged you can at
leisure do them
up for Sen. Fl.
N. America — where
all descriptions can be
corrected. But if
you first come
on to our Castor
air you will be ~~down~~
<u>done up directly.</u>
And then what is
~~the~~ good.
Be here in time
to welcome your new
daughter (God bless
her) when she & Grace
get round here — I do

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not know just when I
but the Sonnenstein
letter.

Mrs. Gray says you
will be very naughty
if you don't come on
right away.

If you want real
sea-air, it is easy
to have — in 2 or
from Boston at various
points.

I turn over the
Catalogues to the Stallion,
and hope to see them in
three weeks from today.

Yours ever
A. Gray

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Rec Aug 2d
ans same day

Dear Old Friend

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

July 30. 1879

Well, we had a day in N. Hampshire and his nice little wife, whom we like very much. They are in town with them to help them pack-pitch, and they are off from the coast — to be back & visit us later.

Meantime you ought to be here, on every account, to have

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change — to have some of the nice care my wife is longing to give you, for your own sake & that of the dear departed. — And you ought to know, as I hope you will mind your coughing. She is used to that, & makes a great noise, when my throat is bad. And you ought to let us do something for you, if you value our friendship. And Nature must have this crisis, — which

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you can do up
here right away.
So come right
along. Very like,
Mrs. Gray will be
down to Beverly
most of the time —
and we will have
the house to ourselves.
So come right
on. & slip
Yours ever

A. Gray

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Rec'd Aug 11. Davenport
Ans Aug. 12 same day

Dear Sir

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Aug. 6.

Yours of 2d rec'd.

Well, come on as soon as ever you can. Better take quickest ~~route~~ route, when, if you have one rainy day, you will come straight on without stopping.

Your young daughter is here with us for the night. Gave having a smoke & talk with Dr. Chadwick & others in Boston, & will come out in the morning. We are

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very fond of and already intimate with her.

I have got back to my regular task, & am doing Euphorbiaceae —

Watson will give you Cactus & Oaks! Bless, & altogether

Ever

A. Gray

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Rec Oct 6 1879

Cambridge Friday morning
(Oct 3rd)

Dear E.

By this time you are safe home again, I suppose. So here is another letter from Bentham. I have written to him the little I have to say — and send it on to you

We are all as you left us, — to-day cooler, morning — an East wind.

With many thanks for your pleasant visit — I am Yours sincerely

A Gray

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Rec Oct 10 '76
Ans Oct 12

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Oct 7, 1876

My dear Engelmann

It was pleasant to get your lovely and a goodly letter and to know that you had a pretty good journey.

The letter to Lieut. G. M. McCauley, U.S. Cavalry is gone on to his father. I suspect they will want the young man for a while, to fight Indians. The Harris's leave to-day. Weather nice.

To-day came from Sisson two pendent branches of the Douglas Spruce — one we keep & just long. I send you the other, and one of the cones & other branches that came with it.

Now you will say, there

two dropping things

But if you will transfer the position of the articulation from the box to the top of the petiole !!

Mary will quite agree.

But you will not "

Cotoloppa Kempferi pro

ever but you,

Ever Your

A. G.

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Rec'd Oct. 29
Ans 30

Oct. 26. 1879

Cambridge

Palm
Legume
Pseudovivens

My Dear G.

Yours of the 23d with postal order for $45. is this moment received

As to grammar:
"the things which Mrs. Gray had made". I should say was strictly grammatical, — but, in strict truth — "has had made" is better, that avoids "had had", which we should ~~should~~ deprecate

Glad the "young folks" are at home, and all well.

We shall see what Burbank will do!

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Spiridelia polyrrhiza

is pure & then discid.

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The Vernonia Lettermanii

I had only fragments from a fine specimen in herb. Torrey, collected by Dr. J. M. Bigelow on "Cossis Creek, Arkansas" — perhaps near Lettermann's Station. I should take a tolerable specimen. In my MSS. of Syn. Fl. N. Am. I had made it V. Jamesii, var. steriodes. But, having turned up again, I suppose, in the absence of intermediate forms it is a fair species & so I had best adopt

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it from you with your name; Lettermann should have something to commemorate his name in Botany

Is the friend of his

name ?

or ?

We are well. A sister & sister in law are here on a visit, — the former 4½ years my junior — but looks — my junior — 10 years older. But she has had sorrow,

Ever yours

A Gray

Did you receive, the seeds sent v Claudrastis?

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